

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are now pending in this application. Claims 7 and 9 have been canceled and claims 1 and 5 have been amended.

The amendments to claims 1 and 5 have been made to further define features of the invention, in which an integration circuit integrates field image signals that have been subjected to a white balance process. The resulting integration value is used to determine the signal levels of the field image signals. Since the field image signals are subjected to a white balance process, it is possible to improve precision when controlling the exposure amount and performing the white balance process in recording a still image.

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Conclusion

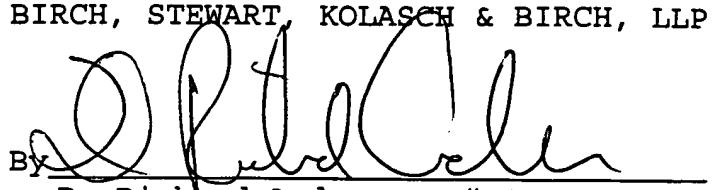
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees

required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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